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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 43 remain in this application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended.

Independent Claim 1 and dependent claims 2 through 19

Independent claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,185,288 to Wong et al. (the Wong patent) and U.S. Patent No. 6,636,487 to Roy et al. (the Roy patent). However, the Wong patent and the Roy patent, either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the requirements of the claims.

Independent claim 1 states, "upon receiving an indication to initiate a direct connect session with respect to a subscriber, invoking a multimedia call engine by a serving node to launch a call treatment application for said subscriber; querying a service profile associated with said subscriber to determine an authorized destination with respect to said direct connect session, wherein the service profile comprises mode and multimedia delivery options for the direct connect session; and responsive to said step of querying, commencing said direct connect session to said authorized destination in response to the mode and multimedia delivery options specified in the service profile."

The Wong patent teaches away from this requirement. It provides at column 2, lines 1 through 13 that an email be generated for call setup! The email is generated based on a user identifier in the call setup request. Thus, it teaches away from the present invention of a direct connect session with respect to a subscriber and for querying a service profile to determine an authorized destination of the direct connect session.

The Roy patent fails to add to the teachings of the Wong patent. It nowhere discloses direct connect sessions but only multimedia conferences. Furthermore, with respect to the profile information for the multimedia conference, it only states that the profile information is retrieved based on identify of the user and destination devices and that the profile information relates to qualify of service class to be provided, at column 3, lines 40 through 45. It nowhere discusses providing a service profile associated with a subscriber to determine an authorized destination or mode options or delivery options for a direct connect session.

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Since neither the Wong patent nor the Roy patent describe or suggest the requirements of claim 1, the combination necessarily fails to teach or suggest the requirements.

Independent Claim 20 and dependent claims 21 through 31

Independent claim 20 states, "means for invoking a multimedia call engine to launch a call treatment application for a subscriber upon receiving an indication to initiate a direct connect session involving said subscriber; database means operable to store a service profile associated with said subscriber; service logic means associated with said call treatment application for ascertaining an authorized destination with respect to said direct connect session by interacting with said database means; and means for commencing said direct connect session to said authorized destination based on at least one applicable service option associated therewith."

The Wong patent teaches away from this requirement. It provides at column 2, lines 1 through 13 that an email be generated for call setup! Thus, it teaches away from the present invention of a direct connect session with respect to a subscriber, and ascertaining an authorized destination with respect to the direct connect session by interacting with the database means.

The Roy patent fails to add to the teachings of the Wong patent. It nowhere discloses direct connect sessions but only multimedia conferences. Furthermore, with respect to the profile information for the multimedia conference, it only states that the profile information is retrieved based on identify of the user and destination devices and that the profile information relates to qualify of service class to be provided, at column 3, lines 40 through 45. It nowhere discusses providing a service profile associated with a subscriber to determine an authorized destination for a direct connect session.

Since neither the Wong patent nor the Roy patent describe or suggest the requirements of claim 20, the combination necessarily fails to teach or suggest the requirements.

Independent Claim 32 and dependent claims 33 through 43

Independent claim 32 states, "upon receiving an indication to initiate a direct connect session with respect to a subscriber, invoking a multimedia call engine by a serving node to

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launch a call treatment application for said subscriber; querying a service profile associated with said subscriber to determine an authorized destination with respect to said direct connect session; and responsive to said step of querying, commencing said direct connect session to said authorized destination."

The Wong patent teaches away from this requirement. It provides at column 2, lines 1 through 13 that an email be generated for call setup! Thus, it teaches away from the present invention of a direct connect session with respect to a subscriber and querying a service profile associated with said subscriber to determine an authorized destination.

The Roy patent fails to add to the teachings of the Wong patent. It nowhere discloses direct connect sessions but only multimedia conferences. Furthermore, with respect to the profile information for the multimedia conference, it only states that the profile information is retrieved based on identify of the user and destination devices and that the profile information relates to qualify of service class to be provided, at column 3, lines 40 through 45. It nowhere discusses providing a service profile associated with a subscriber to determine an authorized destination for a direct connect session.

Since neither the Wong patent nor the Roy patent describe or suggest the requirements of claim 32, the combination necessarily fails to teach or suggest the requirements.

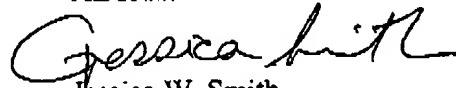
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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Jessica Smith at (972) 477-9109.

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